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New Members Appointed to California Board of Psychology

Governor Gray Davis appointed five new members to the Board of Psychology effective June 1, 2002. The Governor's appointees are Howard S. Adelman, Ph.D., Jacqueline B. Horn, Ph.D., Myra Scott Reifman, Ronald M. Ruff, Ph.D., and William A. Thomas, Ph.D.

Howard S. Adelman, Ph.D.

Dr. Adelman of Los Angeles, a licensed member, has been a Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles since 1983. He has been at UCLA since 1960. He has been the Co-Director of the School of Mental Health Project, UCLA since 1983, and also for the Center for Mental Health in Schools, UCLA,

since 1995. Dr. Adelman is Chair of the Expert Panel on Mental Health, Counseling, Psychology and Social Services for the Health, Mental Health and Safety in Schools Project of the American Academy of Pediatrics/National Association of School Nurses. He earned bachelor of arts, master of arts degrees and a Ph.D. from UCLA.

Jacqueline B. Horn, Ph.D.

Dr. Horn of Davis, a licensed member, has more than 30 years of experience in the psychology profession. She has worked with the Board on licensing examination development and currently serves on the Editorial Board for the Annual Review of Abnormal Psychology. After starting her career in Alabama,

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Alert to Consumers, Licensees, Registrants and Applicants on Telemedicine Informed Consent

For California health care practitioners, section 2290.5 of the Business and Professions Code addresses the issue of informed consent in telemedicine. This law defines "telemedicine" as being "the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data, and education using interactive audio, video, or data communications."

This section of law states that "neither a telephone conversation nor

an electronic mail message between a health care practitioner and patient constitutes "telemedicine" for purposes of this section." This law further defines "health care practitioner" as a physician and surgeon, podiatrist, clinical psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, or dentist.

Specifically, this law requires the health care practitioner to provide the patient or his/her representative with

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Mandatory Coursework for Supervisors

Effective Jan. 1, 2003, regulations approved by the Office of Administrative Law will require all psychologists who supervise psychology trainees to take six hours of coursework in supervision during each two-year period. Section 1387.1(c) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations was amended to read as follows:

“Effective January 1, 2003, primary supervisors who are licensed

by the board shall complete a minimum of six (6) hours of supervision coursework every two years.

(1)Primary supervisors who have completed a minimum of six (6) hours of supervision coursework between January 1, 2000, and December 31, 2002, may apply that training or coursework towards this requirement.

(2)Primary supervisors who have not previously met this requirement shall complete a minimum of six (6) hours of supervision coursework within sixty (60) days of commencement of supervision.

(3)Primary supervisors shall certify under penalty of perjury to completion of this coursework requirement each time the supervisor completes a verification form as referenced in section 1387(b)(9).”

Important Reminders

Education Notes

The Board would like to remind all licensees when considering topics for continuing education, the Board is required by sections 2914.1 and 2914.2 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) to encourage licensees to take a course in geriatric pharmacology and to take courses in psychopharmacology and biological bases of behavior.

Additionally, with regard to educational institutions, pursuant to section 2914.3 of the Code, the Board encourages institutions that offer a doctorate degree program in psychology to include in their biobehavioral curriculum, education and training in psychopharmacology and related topics including pharmacology and clinical pharmacology.

Additionally, section 32 of the Code states, “The Legislature finds that there is a need to ensure

that professionals of the healing arts who have or intend to have significant contact with patients who have, or are at risk to be exposed to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) are provided with training in the form of continuing education regarding the characteristics and methods of assessment and treatment of the condition.” The Board encourages licensees to consider this legislative finding when selecting courses to comply with continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Patient Notification Regarding Trainees

The supervisor of any trainee shall inform each client or patient in writing prior to the rendering of services by the trainee that the trainee is unlicensed and is under the direction and supervision of the supervisor. (Title 16, sections 1387.1(g) and 1391.6(b) California Code of Regulations)



Spousal/Partner Abuse Coursework Required by New Statute

Senate Bill No. 564, Chapter 481, Statutes of 2002

On Sept. 11, 2002, Governor Davis signed Senate Bill 564 which was authored by state Sen. Jackie Speier. This bill amends sections 2914 and 2915 of the California Business and Professions Code.

This bill will, in part, increase the number of contact hours of coursework or training in spousal or partner abuse

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assessment, detection, and intervention strategies required to become licensed as a

psychologist. It would also require continuing education in this area for renewal applicants. Currently, this course of training is not required for renewal applicants.

This bill will require any applicant for licensure as a psychologist who began graduate study on or after Jan. 1, 2004 to complete a minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies. An exemption may be requested by the applicant if they intend to practice in an area that does not include the direct provision of mental health services.

Additionally, on Jan. 1, 2004, this new law will require all licensed psychologists who began graduate study prior to

Jan. 1, 2004 to take a course in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection and intervention strategies for his or her first renewal after the operative date of this new law. The statute does not specify the number of hours required, however, section 1397.60(c) of the Board's regulations defines a course as an approved systematic learning experience of at least one hour in length. Although one hour is the minimum for any course, to fulfill this particular requirement, the course must be of sufficient length to cover spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies, including community resources, cultural factors, and same gender abuse dynamics.

Equivalent courses in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies taken prior to the operative date of this new law or proof of equivalent teaching or practice experience may be submitted to the board and, at its discretion, may be accepted in satisfaction of this requirement.

The licensee's license cannot be renewed until proof, satisfactory to the board, of completion of the course.

The language of the new law can be accessed at www.loginfo.ca.gov.



New Law Specifies Aging, Long-Term Care Coursework

Senate Bill 953, Ch. 541 Statutes of 2002

On September 13, 2002, Governor Davis signed Senate Bill 953, which was authored by Senator John Vasconcellos.

This bill, which added sections 2915.5 and 2915.7 to the California Business and Professions Code, became operative Jan. 1, 2003.

Significantly, this new law requires any applicant for licensure as a

psychologist who begins graduate study on or after Jan. 1, 2004, to complete a minimum of ten contact hours of coursework in aging and long-term care in the biological, social, and psychological aspects of aging.

Applicants who have not submitted proof of completion of this coursework cannot be issued a license.

Additionally, this new law requires that, on or after Jan. 1, 2005, psychologists who are renewing their

licenses for the very first time must either provide proof of completion of a three-hour continuing education course in aging and long-term care or, alternatively, show proof of its equivalent in teaching or practicing experience.

This is a one-time renewal requirement. First time licensees will not receive their renewed license until the board receives satisfactory proof of completion of the requirement.

The language of the new law can be accessed at www.loginfo.ca.gov.

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Clarification of Record Keeping in Private-Practice Settings

By Pamela Harmell, Ph.D.

With regard to record keeping in the practice of psychology, there continues to be some confusion about California Health & Safety Code section 123145 in its application to psychologists in private practice. This article will clarify record-retention requirements in private practice settings in California.

In reviewing this issue with several experts it seems that the “seven-year retention rule”* in California Health and Safety Code section 123145 does NOT APPLY to private-practice settings. Health and Safety Code section 123145 applies the seven-year obligation to certain licensed providers working in licensed clinics (Health and Safety Code section 1205), health facilities (Health and Safety Code section 1253), adult day health-care facilities (Health and Safety Code section 1275), and skilled nursing homes (Health and Safety Code section 1726).

Psychologists are within the definition of certain licensed “providers of health services;” however, Health and Safety Code section 123145 does not apply to private practice settings. A psychologist would have to be working in a facility that falls under the aforementioned sections for the seven-year rule to apply. No particular statute addresses record retention for private-practice clinicians practicing in California, and psychologists should take direction on this issue from the accepted standard of care.

When in doubt, or when no actual state statute applies to a specific issue, the American Psychological Association directs psychologists to review the

Specialty Guidelines for the Delivery of Service (1981), which recommends the full records be retained intact for three years after completion of planned services or after the last date of contact, and that full or summary records be retained for an additional 12 years. The record may be disposed of no sooner than fifteen years after completion of planned services or after the date of the last contact, whichever is later.

To summarize, private practice clinicians should follow the *Specialty Guidelines* and retain records for the fifteen-year guideline unless working in one of

the facilities covered by Health and Safety Code section 123145 where the seven-year rule applies. 

No particular statute addresses record retention for private-practice clinicians practicing in California, and psychologists should take direction on this issue from the accepted standard of care.

REFERENCE

American Psychological Association. (1981). *Specialty Guidelines for the Delivery of Services*. Washington, DC: Author.

NOTE

* This rule is significantly different for minors. Practitioners must keep the records until one year after the minor has turned 18, but no less than seven years.



Planning Ahead: Do You Have a Professional Will?

By Pamela Harmell, Ph.D.

Psychologists must plan ahead for appropriate closure of their practice due to retirement, unforeseen health issues or death. Psychologists must develop a careful retirement plan just as they develop a treatment plan for their patients.

The updated American Psychological Association Ethics Code (effective June 2003) indicates that psychologists are responsible for facilitating further services for clients in case of illness, death or retirement of the psychologist (APA 3.12). Therefore, issues of patient abandonment are evident in any discussion of retirement, illness or death. It is a psychologist's responsibility to make provisions for the following considerations:

Storage of records

- Who has office and file-cabinet keys?
- Are patient notes legible?
- Is there a plan for destruction of records at the proper time?
- Is there a plan for destruction of computer records?
- Who is keeping copies of records for you?

Insurance


- Obtain a "tail" for after-retirement coverage
- Does the insurance company know where records are?
- In case of death, has the insurance company been notified?

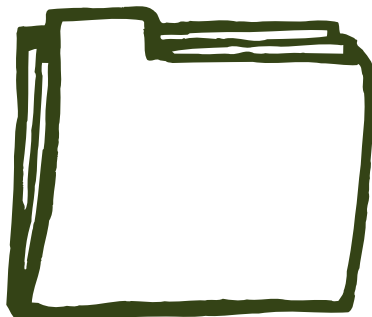
Professional executor

- Notification to licensing board of psychologist's death
- Holder of e-mail pass word
- Holder of voice mail code
- Holder of financial records
- Holder of office and mail keys
- Notifies current clients if necessary

The San Diego Psychological Association (SDPA) has studied this issue and has developed information to help psychologists put together a professional will to appropriately deal with patient and business issues upon retirement or as a result of illness or death. For further information from this organization about professional wills, you can e-mail SDPA at sdpa@sdpsych.org.

Stromberg et al, 1988 remarks, "A well-orchestrated retirement from private psychology practice requires years of advance planning ... developing a strategy for retirement involves mapping out steps ..." well in advance (p. 113).

To summarize, begin now to plan for your retirement (or any unexpected health event) by making a professional will, choosing a professional executor that you trust, and purchasing an insurance "tail." 



REFERENCE

Stromberg, C. (et al, 1988). The Psychologist's Legal Handbook. Washington, DC: The Council for the National Register of Health Care Providers in Psychology.



Some Quick Facts About HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

Q. What is HIPAA?

A. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) enacts sweeping changes in how the health care professions handle the administrative details of their practices, and contains a broad and stringent framework for the privacy and confidentiality of personally identifiable health information. This federal statute was enacted as Public Law 104-191. You can find the text of PL 104-191 at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Web site: www.aspe.hhs.gov/admsimp/pl104191.htm.

Q. What issues are addressed by HIPAA?


A. The Administrative Simplification provisions of HIPAA (Title II of the Act) require HHS to establish national standards for electronic health care transactions and national

identifiers for providers, health plans and employers. Covered entities must comply with the technical standards and data sets adopted by HHS. HIPAA also addresses the security and privacy of health data, and establishes stringent procedures that covered persons and entities must follow in obtaining and disclosing personally identifiable health information.

Q. Where can I find more information about HIPAA?

A. Keep in mind that licensing boards do not administer the provisions of HIPAA. Therefore, board staff members are not experts in providing guidance to licensees with regard to HIPAA compliance. Licensees with questions regarding HIPAA should seek answers through the following resources:

- The American Psychological Association at www.apa.org.

- HHS's Web site has a great deal of information about, and the text of, the regulations implementing HIPAA (www.aspe.hhs.gov/admsimp/index.htm), including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).
- Another good source of information is the HIPAA Web site maintained by the HHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS, formerly called the Health Care Financing Administration or HCFA), at www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa (click on the "Administrative Simplification" link).
- HHS's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) implements the HIPAA privacy regulations, and guidance on the privacy requirements may be found on OCR's Web site at www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa. 

Enforcement Information

Information on all board actions, current and historical, can be found on the Board's Web site at www.psychboard.ca.gov under the "Enforcement" section.

Additionally, enforcement documents such as accusations and decisions on recent cases can be downloaded directly from the Web site's

"Enforcement" section.

Further, one can obtain enforcement statistics for the past five years from under the "Enforcement" section of the Web site. Finally, the public can obtain license verification and all public information on licensees and registrants from the site's "License Verification" section.



Publications

I. Single copies of the following publications are available at no charge from *Publications Office, California Department of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 310, Sacramento, CA 95802*. You may also contact the board directly for a single copy.

- *A Consumer Guide to Psychological Services*
- *Professional Therapy Never Includes Sex*

To purchase either of the above booklets in quantity contact the Department of General Services at (916) 928-4630. There will be a charge for bulk orders. (Single copies of Consumer Guide are also available in Spanish from the Board.)



II. To purchase the *Laws and Regulations Relating to the Practice of Psychology* send a check, money order, or cashiers check payable to the Board of Psychology, in the amount of \$6.00 per copy. The mailing address is 1422 Howe Avenue, Suite 22, Sacramento, CA 95825.

To purchase the *Summary of Laws Relating to the Practice of Psychology* send a check, money order, or cashiers check payable to the Board of Psychology, in the amount of \$8.00 per copy.

III. To request copies of any Board of Psychology licensing or application forms, e-mail your request to bopmail@dca.ca.gov.


All of the aforementioned publications and application forms are available on the board's Web site at www.psychboard.ca.gov. 

New APA Ethics Code Will Affect State Licensees

On Aug. 21, 2002, the Council of Representatives of the American Psychological Association adopted a new Ethics Code. The new APA Ethics Code will become effective on June 1, 2003.

Section 2936 of the California Business and Professions Code requires the Board of Psychology to establish the APA code of ethics as the accepted standard of care as it applies to all licensing examination development and in all board enforcement policies and disciplinary case evaluations. Therefore, it is imperative that all California licensed psychologists make efforts to educate themselves on the APA Code as it evolves and changes.

The 2002 Ethics Code is available online in three formats (HTML, PDF, MS Word) at www.apa.org. Hard copies of the new code are available from the APA Order Department 750 First Street, NE, Washington D.C. 20002-4242.

Additionally at the APA Web site, one can access a very helpful comparison of the 1992 and the 2002 Ethics Codes. All California licensees are encouraged to make efforts to thoroughly familiarize themselves with this new code as it is the accepted ethical standard applicable to the practice of psychology in this state. 



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Tennessee and Indiana, Dr. Horn became a Staff Psychologist at the Napa State Hospital in California in 1981. In 1982, she took a position with the Eskaton Outpatient Clinic as a Clinical Psychologist, where she stayed until 1985. During that time, Dr. Horn also started her own practice in 1983, which she continues to operate in Sacramento. She served as Director of Psychological Services for Heritage Oaks Hospital from 1985 to 1995. Besides her private practice, Dr. Horn is a lecturer in psychology at the University of California, Davis, an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University's Medical Center, and a member of the Ethics Committee of the California Psychological Association. She earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Alabama, a master of science degree from George Peabody College, and a doctorate of Philosophy from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

Myra Scott Reifman

Ms. Scott Reifman of Los Angeles, a public member, is experienced in television media and community service. She worked as a broadcast journalist from 1965 to 1980 in large California markets such as Los Angeles at NBC-TV, in San Francisco, as well as in Sacramento and Minneapolis. During her reporting career, Ms. Scott Reifman co-hosted an Emmy Award-winning show and won several broadcast industry awards. From 1987 to 1995, she served as a California Probate Referee. Ms. Scott Reifman served four years as a board member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles (NCJW), an advocacy and community service organization. She also served as Vice President of Development for NCJW. Ms. Scott Reifman serves on the Board of the City Life Charter School, and previously served as a member and past President of the Wildwood Elementary School Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1991. She has also served on the board of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of Los Angeles. Ms. Scott Reifman earned a bachelor of

arts degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota, and a master of arts degree from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Ronald M. Ruff, Ph.D.

Dr. Ruff of San Francisco, a licensed member, has been practicing since 1981. He is the Director of Neurobehavioral Rehabilitation and Chair of the Psychology Section at St. Mary's Medical Center. Dr. Ruff also serves as a Clinical Neuropsychologist and Rehabilitation Psychologist for San Francisco Clinical Neurosciences. He is a Clinical Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Stanford University and Adjunct Associate Professor of Neurosurgery and Psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Ruff is the past President of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, a Consultant to the Medical Research Council of Canada, and is a member of the Board of Directors National Academy of Neuropsychology. He earned a licentiate degree in applied psychology and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology from the University of Zurich in Switzerland.

William A. Thomas, Ph.D.

Dr. Thomas of San Francisco, a licensed member, has a unique psychology background and has utilized his expertise both in clinical and educational settings. He has taught courses at the University of San Francisco, San Francisco State University, and the California School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Thomas also served the San Francisco Unified School District as a psychologist for nearly 20 years. He has been involved with the Psychology Board for several years, administering the Oral Exam and contributing to the development of the exam. Dr. Thomas operates a private psychology practice and lectures at City College of San Francisco. He earned bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from San Francisco State University, and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Online Licensing Services Available



The Board of Psychology is pleased to announce that online professional licensing services are now available for psychologists and psychology applicants.

The new services allow licensees and applicants to:

- Apply to become licensed as a psychologist
- Renew an existing psychologist license
- Change the address of record of an existing psychologist license
- Request a duplicate license

These services can be accessed by visiting the Board of Psychology Web site at www.psychboard.ca.gov, the Department of Consumer Affairs Web site at www.dca.ca.gov, or the State of California eBusiness center at www.ebizcenter.ca.gov.

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Previous to the appointments described above, effective Feb. 1, 2002, then Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg appointed William Lew Tan to serve as a public member on the Board of Psychology.

William Lew Tan

Mr. Tan, a resident of Monterey Park, is a partner of the Los Angeles based law firm of Tan & Sakiyama. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Juris Doctor degree from University of California, Hastings College of Law. He is a former President of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association and a former trustee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Mr. Tan is a former President and Chair of the Board of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), a nationally recognized leadership training program. He currently serves on the board of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), a legal services, civil rights, and community leadership

development organization, and has been a Vice Chair for the last three years. He comes to the Board with years of regulatory experience. He served from 1984 to 1992 on the California Board of Pharmacy which included serving as three years as Vice President and one year as President of that board. He was elected Vice-President of the Board of Psychology in August 2002.

These six new members of the Board of Psychology join the Board's President, Pamela Harmell, Ph.D. and public members Mary Ellen Early and Lisa Kalustian to complete the nine-member Board.

Board members serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority and they do not receive a salary. Members of the Board of Psychology do not require Senate confirmation. 



ATTENTION: Applicants Licensed in Other Jurisdictions

Although the State of California does not have any specific reciprocity agreements with other state or provincial psychology licensing boards, section 2946 of the California Business and Professions Code does indeed make the application process quite simple for those who have been licensed in other jurisdictions for at least five years with no history of license discipline.

An applicant may apply for psychology licensure in California based on reciprocity if the applicant (1) was licensed by a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction in which the requirements for obtaining a license in that jurisdiction were substantially equivalent to California's licensing requirements and (2) has been licensed as a psychologist, without discipline, for at least 5 years in that jurisdiction. Generally stated, the board's qualifications for licensure are a doctoral level education, two years of supervised professional experience (approximately 3,000 hours), and successful completion of the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP).


An applicant qualifying based on reciprocity need only do the following to apply for licensure:

1. Complete the license application (including fingerprint cards or Livescan), and
2. Have the psychology board which issued your license complete and submit the board's Endorsement Form.

Details for completing these requirements may be found on the application and endorsement forms.

Applicants meeting these requirements must also successfully complete the California Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Examination (CJPEE) and complete any statutorily required courses before they will be licensed. For information about the CJPEE, visit the "Licensing and Registration" section of the board's Web site. For information about the

mandated supplemental courses, visit the "FAQ" section of the board's Web site for questions and answers on all such courses. The board's Web site is at www.psychboard.ca.gov.

For your information and convenience, the "Application for California Psychology Endorsement" form is also reprinted on the following two pages of the BOP Update newsletter. 

The process is quite simple for those who have been licensed in other jurisdictions for at least five years with no history of license discipline.

Important Reminders

Supervisors of Psychological Assistants

Every supervisor of a psychological assistant is responsible for the limited psychological functions performed by the psychological assistant and for ensuring that the extent, kind and quality of the limited psychological functions performed by the assistant are consistent with his or her training and experience, and that the assistant complies with the provisions of the code

and the Board's regulations. (Title 16, section 1391.6(a) CA Code of Regulations)

Display Your License Number

Section 1380.6 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations requires every licensed psychologist to display his or her psychology license number in any advertising, public directory or solicitation. This would include business cards, letterhead, business directories, etc.

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ATTENTION:
APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA PSYCHOLOGY
ENDORSEMENT FORM

(Pursuant to Section 2946 of the California Business and Professions Code)

Please note that California does not have direct reciprocity with any state. The California Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Examination (CJPEE) will be required of all applicants. Additionally, all applicants will be required to provide evidence of completion of all statutorily mandated supplemental courses. First, complete all data required on this page and sign the affidavit and send it to the Executive Officer of the Board that issued the license requesting the completion of the endorsement on the back of this form. The date of the endorsement must be later than the date of your affidavit below. Please keep a copy for personal records.

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

State of _____)

) §

County of _____)

_____, hereby declares under penalty of perjury that he/she is the applicant named in the foregoing application for a license as a psychologist in the State of California; and that he/she read the foregoing application and knows the information provided therein is true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Notary

Address

Commission expiration date



TO BE COMPLETED BY STATE BOARD CERTIFYING LICENSURE

_____ has submitted an application for licensure as a psychologist in the State of California and has stated that they are licensed to practice psychology in your state. Please complete the form below and return it to our office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I, _____, Executive Officer of the _____
certify that license number _____ to practice or hold him/herself out to the
public as a psychologist was issued to _____ on
the _____ day of _____, _____.

I further certify that this license was issued based upon all of the following:

- ❖ Possession of a doctorate degree in psychology, educational psychology or in education with a field or specialization in counseling psychology or educational psychology obtained from a regionally accredited university.
- ❖ Completion of 2 years (approximately 3000 hours) or more of supervised professional experience.
- ❖ Successful completion of the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology.

I further certify that this person's psychology license has never been the subject of discipline.

This license is presently ☐ Active ☐ Inactive ☐ Delinquent

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of this state, that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Executive Officer

State Seal

Board Address

City State Zip Code

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____ 20____.



Did You Know?

The most convenient ways to change your address of record with the Board of Psychology are as follows:

- Send your new address via e-mail to the Board of Psychology at bopmail@dca.ca.gov.
- Update your address online by visiting our Web site at www.psychboard.ca.gov and click on the "Online Professional Licensing" button.

If you update your address online, you can also request a duplicate pocket license reflecting your correct address. There is a fee of \$5.00 for this service.

Please keep in mind that your address of record is made available to the public. Therefore, the Board recommends that you do not use your residence address as your address of record for reasons of personal security.

Section 2936 of the California Business and Professions Code states that to facilitate consumers in receiving appropriate psychological services, all licensees and registrants shall be required to post, in a conspicuous location, a notice which reads as follows:

NOTICE: The Department of Consumer Affairs receives questions and complaints regarding the practice of psychology. If you have any questions or complaints, you may contact this department by calling (800) 633-2322 or (916) 263-2699 or by writing to this address:


Board of Psychology
1422 Howe Avenue, Suite 22
Sacramento, CA 95825

Telemedicine Informed Consent ... (Continued from page 1)

verbal and written informed consent prior to the delivery of health care services via telemedicine. This mandated informed consent procedure must include all of the following:

- “(1) The patient or the patient’s legal representative retains the option to withhold or withdraw consent at any time without affecting the right to future care or treatment nor risking the loss or withdrawal of any program benefits to which the patient or the patient’s legal representative would otherwise be entitled.
- (2) A description of the potential risks, consequences, and benefits of telemedicine.
- (3) All existing confidentiality protections apply.

- (4) All existing laws regarding patient access to medical information and copies of medical records apply.
- (5) Dissemination of any patient identifiable images or information from the telemedicine interaction to researchers or other entities shall not occur without the consent of the patient.”

This law requires that the patient or the patient representative signs a written statement prior to the delivery of health care via telemedicine, indicating that the patient or the patient’s legal representative understands the written information provided in 1 through 5 above and that this information has been discussed with the health care practitioner or his/her designee. 



Disciplinary Actions

NOVEMBER 1, 2001 — OCTOBER 31, 2002

Notice:

The following decisions become operative on the effective date except in situations where the licensee obtains a court-ordered stay. This may occur after the preparation of this newsletter. For updated information on stay orders and appeals you may telephone (916) 263-2691 and speak to the Board's Enforcement Analyst. To order copies of these decisions and other documents, send your written request by mail or e-mail the Board at bopmail@dca.ca.gov. Include the name and license number of the licensee and send to the attention of the Enforcement Program at the Board's office in Sacramento. Please note that there may be a minimal copying charge for these documents.

Smith, Donald K. (PSY 11278) Orange, CA

B&P Code § 2960(j)(n)(p)(r). No admission to charges of gross negligence in the practice of psychology. Dishonest, corrupt or fraudulent act. Functioning outside field of competence. Repeated negligent acts. Stipulated Decision effective November 14, 2001. License revoked, stayed, 5 years probation.

Hirshberg, Fred, Ph.D. (PSY 7411) Castro Valley, CA

Decision effective November 15, 2001. Accusation dismissed.

Jue, Ronald, Ph.D. (PSY 6263) Fullerton, CA

B&P Code §2960. Unprofessional conduct. Stipulated Decision effective December 16, 2001. License revoked, stayed, 3 years probation.

Lieberman, Frank D., Ph.D. (PSY 4624) Cool, CA

B&P Code §2960(n). No admission to charges of dishonest, corrupt or fraudulent act. Stipulated Decision effective December 19, 2001. License revoked, stayed, 3 years probation.

Kea, William Paul, Ph.D. (PSY 13617) Covina, CA

B&P Code §§2960(j)(o)(r). Gross negligence in the practice of psychology. Act of sexual relations with a patient or sexual misconduct which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a psychologist. Repeated negligent acts. Decision effective January 27, 2002. License revoked.

Kelley, Roger Lee, Ph.D. (PSY 10348) San Jose, CA

No admission to B&P Code §§2960(i)(j)(p)(r). Unprofessional conduct. Gross negligence in the practice of psychology. Functioning outside field of competence. Repeated negligent acts. Decision effective February 6, 2002. License revoked, stayed, 3 years probation.

Powers, Will, Ph.D. (PSY 13619) Santa Maria, CA

B&P Code §729(b)(1). Sexual exploitation. Stipulated Decision effective January 18, 2002. License surrendered.

Zipperle, Marion-Isabel, Ph.D. (PSY 12203) Sebastopol, CA 95472

B&P Code §2960. Unprofessional conduct. Stipulated Decision effective March 6, 2002. License revoked, stayed, 3 years probation.

Manning, Bradley A., Ph.D. (PSY 7354) Los Angeles, CA 90066

B&P Code §2960. Unprofessional conduct. Stipulated Decision effective March 29, 2002. License revoked, stayed, 3 years probation.

Shooster, Charles N., Ph.D. (PSY 4502) Beverly Hills, CA 90210

B&P Code §§2960(a) & (n), 2963. Conviction of a crime substantially related to the practice of psychology. Dishonest, corrupt or fraudulent act. Decision effective April 25, 2002. License revoked.

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Explanation of Disciplinary Language

Revoked — *The license is canceled, voided, annulled, rescinded. The right to practice is ended.*

Revoked, stayed, probation — *“Stayed” means the revocation is postponed, put off. Professional practice may continue so long as the licensee complies with specific probationary terms and conditions. Violation of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.*

Suspension — *The licensee is prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.*

Gross negligence — *An extreme departure from the standard of practice.*

Default decision — *Licensee fails to respond to Accusation by filing a Notice of Defense or fails to appear at administrative hearing.*

License surrender — *While charges are still pending, the licensee turns in the license — subject to acceptance by the board. The right to practice is ended.*

Effective decision date — *The date the disciplinary decision goes into operation.*

Disciplinary Actions ...

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Samaan, Makram, Ph.D. (PSY 4082) **Sacramento, CA 95825**

B&P Code §2960(r). Repeated negligent acts. Stipulated Decision effective April 25, 2002. License revoked, stayed, 3 years probation.

Hackbert, William, Ph.D. (PSY 5443) **San Diego, CA 92103**

B&P Code §§2960(c)(j)(n)(o)(r). Fraudulently or neglectfully misrepresenting the type or status of license or registration actually held. Gross negligence in the practice of psychology. Dishonest, corrupt or fraudulent act. Act of sexual relations with a patient or sexual misconduct which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a psychologist. Repeated negligent acts. Default Decision effective May 16, 2002. License revoked.

Thies, Todd, Ph.D. (PSY 15182) **Atascadero, CA**

Petition for Termination of Probation granted. Probation terminated April 25, 2002.

Tepperman, Jerome H., Ph.D. (PSY 5311) **Los Angeles, CA**

Petition for Termination of Probation granted. Probation terminated April 25, 2002.

Halon, Robert Leon, Ph.D. (PSY 5247) **San Luis Obispo, CA**

Petition for Termination of Probation granted. Probation terminated April 25, 2002.

Farrell, Walter M., Ph.D. (PSY 5603) **Ukiah, CA**

No admission to charges of B&P Code §§2960(b)(j)(r). Use of a controlled substance or alcohol in a dangerous manner. Gross negligence in the practice of psychology. Repeated negligent acts. Stipulated Decision effective June 21, 2002. License surrendered.

Blondek, Stanley D. **Elk Grove, CA**

B&P Code §§ 2960(j)(p), 480(a)(2), 480(a)(3). Gross negligence in the practice of psychology. Functioning outside the field(s) of competence. Any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or another, or substantially injure another. Any act which if done by a licensee would be grounds for discipline. Default Decision effective August 17, 2002. Application for licensure denied.

Miller, William Gregory **San Francisco, CA**

B&P Code §§2960(a), 2960.6(b). Conviction of a crime substantially related to the practice of psychology. Disciplinary action by another state agency. Stipulated Decision effective August 20, 2002. Registration granted, revoked, stayed, 5 years probation.

Perez, Juan C., Ph.D. (PSY 14184) **Downey, CA**

B&P Code §2960(a). Conviction of a crime substantially related to the practice of psychology. Stipulated Decision effective October 27, 2002. License revoked, stayed, 5 years probation.

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